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OPTICAL FIBERS, AND GLASS
PARTS FOR CONNECTING
OPTICAL FIBERS MANUFACTURED
USING THE METHOD
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following:

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To attain the above object, the present invention further
provides a glass part for connecting optical fibers
manufactured as described above, wherein at least one of the
open ends of the glass part is tapered in such a manner that a
continuous curved surface is formed at the boundary between
the at least one of the open ends and the internal hole of the
glass part.

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